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| Notice of Allowability | Application No. | Applicant(s) |
| | 10/665,535 | CAO ET AL. |
| | Examiner Thomas R. Peeso | Art Unit 2132 |

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1. This communication is responsive to application papers filed.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 19-74 (renumbered as 1-56).
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
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6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 20Sep2004, 23Jan2004
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

5. Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

THOMAS R. PEESO
PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Applicant has claimed uniquely distinct features in the instant invention which are not found in the prior art, either singularly or in combination. According to the invention, in order to verify the near-optimality of the heuristic algorithms, we developed ILP formulations for optimal WBS using minimum number of ports, and compare the results with those of our heuristic algorithms. The proposed algorithms can be applied to both static and dynamic traffic.

A primary object of the invention is to support ever-increasing traffic while maintaining the cost and complexity of the system at a reasonable level.

Another object of the invention is to develop and provide efficient heuristic algorithms for port reduction in WBS networks, running much faster than IL'P schemes, yet achieving near optimal results.

A further object of the invention is to provide a huge reduction in port count while also achieving bandwidth efficiency.

Still another object of the invention is to provide more flexible and scalable MG-OXC architectures.

Still a further object of the invention is to provide novel survivability schemes for WBS networks with/without wavelength and waveband conversion.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thomas R. Peeso whose telephone number is 571 272-3809. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri, 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The central fax number for the office is 571 273-8300.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron, can be reached on 571 272-3799.

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